

This AYHSC Monthly Meeting was held on March 8, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Whittemore Robbins House.

Staff Present: Karen Dillon

Members Present: Kerry Austin Smith, Sarah Augood, Rebecca Tsopelas, Bryan Gallagher, Carlene Newell, Cindy Sheridan Curran, Colleen Leger, Joe Curro, Ellie Egan & Dr. Patrick Egan

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introductions, Accept Minutes of the February Meeting	<p>Student advisors and sector representatives all introduced themselves and shared their respective roles in the Arlington community.</p> <p>Rebecca moved to approve the February minutes Carlene seconded the motion. All present approved the February meeting minutes.</p>	Anna will publish the February minutes on the town website.
Student Coalition Updates	<p>AHS Walkout planned</p> <p>AHS 84 Club – posted vaping infographic posters around AHS & OMS with positive feedback from students.</p> <p>Channel 5 news producers recorded a segment with Karen and 5 x AHS students about issues with e-cigs in school – segment to air in March?</p> <p>Project Purple game had to be cancelled due to date conflict – will reschedule for 2019</p> <p>Meagan (AHS Senior) won ABGC Award</p>	
Parent Coalition Updates	<p>NTTY to be resurrected with inaugural meeting in March/April – plan to update topic questions from alcohol centric to include drugs, vaping etc. Will use Kahoot for tracking questions and responses – need to explore technologies ability to compile results.</p> <p>Sarah tabled at Venn Diagram for School Success – couple of signatures for newsletter</p>	<p>Karen and Anna to create Kahoot and investigate software ability to tabulate results.</p> <p>Colleen to confirm WRH availability.</p>
Outreach Committee Updates:	<p>Marijuana Community Forum postponed due to snow storm and is now scheduled for April 2nd @ Town Hall – AYHSC to table.</p>	Karen to confirm with town hall and panel members.

	Another session of Guiding Good Choices is underway – about 20 parents/guardians – all from OMS	
Project Updates:		
SAP-C (Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative) Grant Updates	Summit SAP-C meeting students drafted policy paper and will present to State House legislators on April 5th. On Feb 8th 24 students from surrounding towns attended and all had same concerns re: ease of access to alcohol (shops, home environment, ordering online)	Karen will continue to keep AYHSC informed of action steps. Karen will coordinate the youth effort with Anna.
Marijuana Action Plan	Completed the marijuana position paper that will be presented to the Board of Health and published to town website. Christine reviewed and edited. Now ready to present.	Anna will develop fact sheet, similar to vaping one, for marijuana.
Vaping	Possible community assessment of vaping advertisements, content and placement. Poster campaign being launched in both high schools within the next coming weeks. Discussed the uncertainty of what tobacco violation protocol is at OMS	Karen will talk with Dr. Woods to find out what protocol is for a student caught with tobacco/nicotine product
Alcohol	Work out logistics for possible compliance checks.	
Community Discussion	<p>Cindy and Bryan walked the group through Diversion and Restorative Justice programs:</p> <p>Why programs in place & how the programs work and what differentiates them. Qualified crimes that can trigger an offending youth entering a program. Programs developed by Arlington and now rolled out in surrounding towns</p> <p>Restorative Justice program participates in C4RJ (Communities for Restorative Justice http://c4rj.com/ - fund raiser at Arlington Town Hall, April 11th, 2018 with Maura Healey as guest speaker. Arlington has 2 detectives trained in C4RJ. If community/parent observes youth behavior re smoking/substance of abuse they can report it to schools who can act on information re locker</p>	

	<p>searches etc . Police can not. AHS has school resource officer on-site.</p> <p>AHS now takes a consistent approach to handling students found in possession of drug, marijuana, pills, edibles, and is aligned with MGL Chapter 71.37H which can impose drug screening, possible out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion for 1st time offenders.</p> <p>https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter71/Section37H</p> <p>Expulsion/suspension does NOT apply to tobacco/vaping violations: in-school-suspension being considered as option. For tobacco violation kids are issued a \$100 ticket through the court system which is waived if kids comply with anti-tobacco program which involves meeting with child psychologist through AYCC. Students will be offered a resource sheet moving forward.</p> <p>For 2017-2018 school year - 15 tobacco violations @ AHS – all vapes/JUULs.</p>	
Policy Updates	N/A	

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

The next Coalition meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5th, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Whittemore Robbins House.